

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0042] As shown in FIG. 9, the guide film 18 is formed with a pair of protrusions 18a that extend from right and left downstream ends in the sheet feeding direction to a position near the nip portion between the feed roller 11 and the pinch roller 12C, while placing the elastic ring 17 between the protrusions 18, to ~~guiding-guide~~ the sheets P. The protrusions 18a are formed such that the end of the protrusions 18a is positioned on the upstream side in the sheet feeding direction, with respect to a center of the pinch roller 12C (center of the nip portion in the sheet feeding direction), ~~and above the pinch roller 12C~~ so as to overlap the pinch roller 12C.